

Meeting Minutes from January 19' 2017, the first meeting of the Minuteman Bikeway 25th Anniversary Committee. All 11 members plus town planner Nat Strosberg were present. Members include: Dan Dunn, Andrew Fuller, Joey Glushko, Jock Hoffman, Jack Johnson, Charlie McCabe, Andrew McDonnell, Brucie Moulton, Linda Shoemaker, Christopher Tonkin.

1. Nat Strosberg, senior Planner for the town of Arlington, MA. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:35 pm. He asked for a volunteer to take the meeting minutes. Charlie McCabe volunteered (and submits these draft minutes.)

2. Members (11 out of 11 with a few arriving during the introductions) introduced themselves around the table.

3. Nat provided a few housekeeping rules, including that he would chair the meeting and that the memo distributed to all participants covered the basics, but it was hoped that all participants would pitch in with the discussion and follow-ups for ideas generated during the meeting. We began with a brainstorming effort to create a list of all possible events as well as dates. We quickly come up with a list on the whiteboard in the conference room.

4. The brainstormed list included the following:

Some sort of celebratory bike ride
Quad Cycles Recreation Rides
cover Issues over conflicts or projects, like Lake St.
Arlington center renovation and improvements -celebration and rider education
Lake St improvements discussion/meetings - it's a design/discussion in progress.
Town Day weekend / encourage people to bike / maybe the sunday after (day after)
Feast of the East
Porch fest
End to End ride with Lexington and Bedford joining in.
T-Shirt / Logo
Parade of Decorated Bikes
Artshow (sponsor a bike themed one)
Signage
Winter Social (Speaker)
Historical Lecture
Annual Bike Tour of Arlington - May 21
Patriots Day - have the revere ride on a portion of it.
Longest Day of the Year event
25 years ago - bring out planning people / historical ride
Rails to trails rep/speaker (we were the 500th Rail trail that was created)
create / build your own vehicle
Property Values study/talk
Nature along the trail (flora, fauna, arlington great meadows, etc.)
Parade
Resident Artist

5. The group agreed that there were a lot of great things that could be done and discussed how best to proceed to focus and proceed. After some discussion, Nat retrieved some big post-it note paper and we broke the list into three parts: specific events/dates, inside and outside activities. (see below)

Day Specific List:

Town Day: September
Feast of the East - June
Porchfest - June
Winter Social - March
Historical Lecture - TBD
Patriots Day - April
Longest Day of the Year - June 21st
Artshow ACA - September

After some discussion members voted on preferences and priorities for top activities for both the inside and outside activity lists. Each member had two votes for each list. Totals and follow-up groups were:

Outside:

Quad-cycles
Celebrating Improvements
Lake Street
End to End Ride - Columbus Day? 8 Votes (follow-up: Jack, Charlie, Christopher and Jock)
Easy/Med/Challenging Rides
Parade - 1 Vote
Resident Artist
Tally (Partial) 1
Create vehicles
Nature - 4 Votes (follow-up: Brucie, Andrew, and Andrew)
Public Art - 6 Votes (follow-up: Dan, Linda, Charlie)
Bike Arlington Tour (May 21) - 2

Inside:

Education - 1 vote
Celebrating Improvements - 3 Votes (follow-up: Dan)
Work in Progress - 1 Vote
T-shirt / logo - 5 Votes (follow-up: Joey, Brucie)
Signage - 3 Votes (Follow-up: Andrew)
Rails to Trails - 3 Votes (follow-up: Charlie)
Property Taxes
Tally (Bingo)
Historical Lecture - 4 Votes (follow-up: Andrew, Linda Christopher)

6. Next steps were to research and report back on efforts. After a bit of discussion of ensuring to bear in mind the rules of the MA open meetings act, Nat proposed to set up a dropbox account that members can submit updates to projects and Nat will distribute them to members prior to the next meeting. members should research options and report back and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

7. List of Subgroups:

Celebrating bikeway improvements
End-to-end bikeway ride
Lecture on bikeway history

Nature
Public art
Rails-to-trails
Signage
T-shirt logo

8. The next meeting is planned for the third Thursday of the month. In February 2017, it will be Thursday, February 16th from 7:30 to 9 pm

9. Nat with a vote from the members, adorned the meeting at approximately 8:50 pm.